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In re Application of:

Crystal et al.

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For: METHOD OF ENHANCING BONE
DENSITY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed April 24, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Amendments

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 17, 18, and 22-25 to read as follows:

1. A method for enhancing bone density or formation, the method comprising administering to at least one first cell associated with a region of a bone at least one first nucleic acid encoding at least one angiogenic protein, such that the first nucleic acid is expressed in the cell to produce the angiogenic protein, whereby bone density or formation is enhanced within the region; wherein the angiogenic protein is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), a connective tissue growth factor (CTGF), VEGF2, VEGF-C, an angiopoietin, an angiopoietin homologous protein, an angiogenin, an angiogenin-2, or PlGF.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the angiogenic protein is VEGF₁₂₁ or VEGF₁₆₅.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the angiogenic protein is selected from the group consisting of VEGF₁₂₁, VEGFA₁₃₈, VEGFA₁₆₂, VEGF₁₆₅, VEGF₁₈₂, and VEGF₁₈₉.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the osteogenic protein is selected from the group consisting of a bone morphogenic protein (BMP), a transforming growth factor (TGF),

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